FBI snaps assassination site

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DALLAS — An FBI photographic expert completed his work at the President Kennedy assassination scene and returned to Washington last night to begin analyzing dozens of photographs he had taken.

Herb Grubert, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI office here, said:

"Our photo expert went to the scene near the Texas School Book Depository building to take photographs from certain angles and locations to help determine the dimensions and weight of unidentified persons appearing in newspaper photographs taken immediately after President Kennedy was shot."

Grubert confirmed FBI agents had obtained six photographs from Dallas newspapers and would try to identify all persons on them.

Grubert was cryptic in an interview.

"Certain individuals," he said, "have made allegations that certain individuals are in the newspaper photos. We have no indication who they are."

The Dallas Morning News reported yesterday that FBI agents appeared at the newspaper last week seeking three negatives from film shot Nov. 22, 1963 (the day of the Kennedy shooting) by one of their photographers, the late Jack Beers.

The newspaper reported Beers had photographed three shabbily dressed men at Dealey Plaza shortly after the shooting.

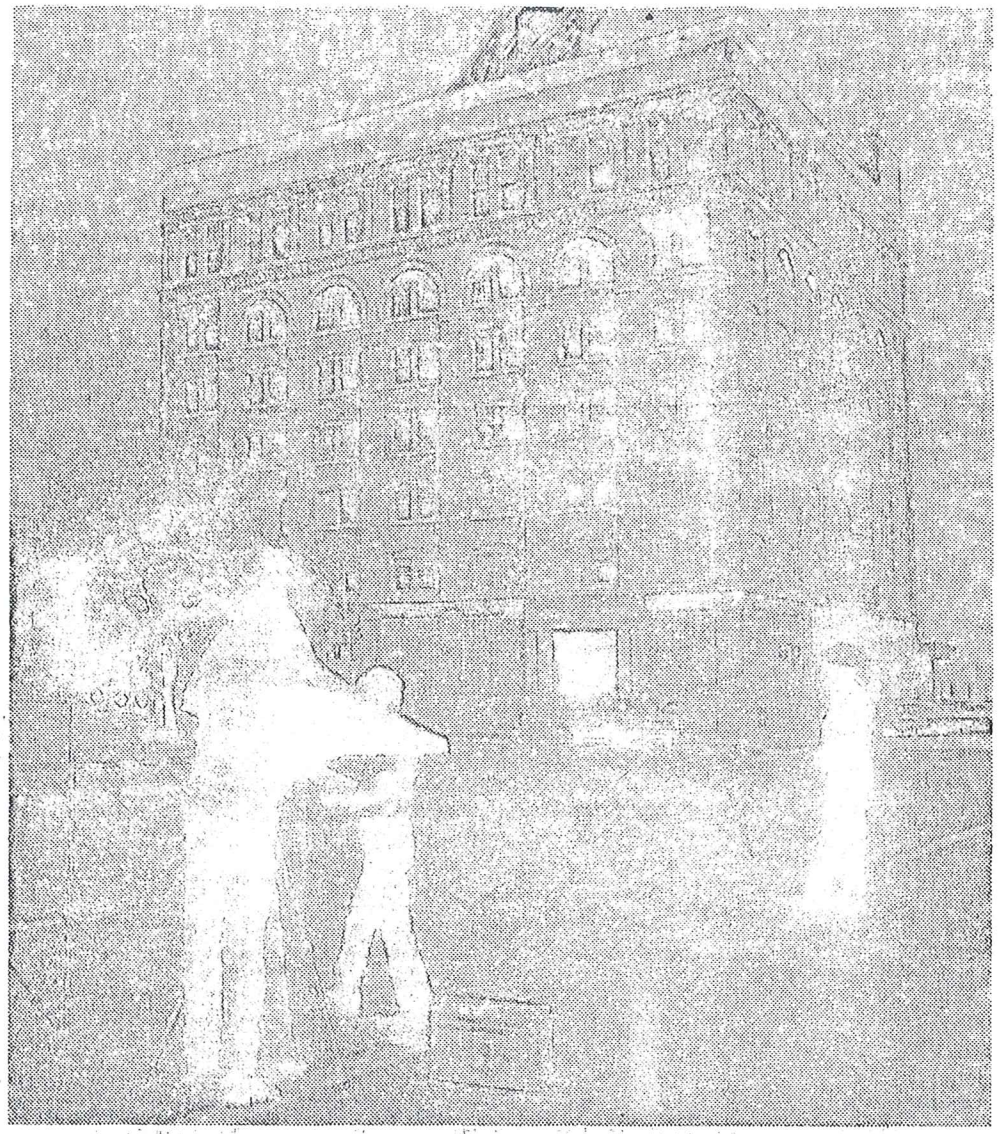
Apparently because the faces of the three men are not recognizable, the FBI photo specialist took a series of photos from the same angles and took careful measurements.

The FBI hopes to come up with the exact measurements — height and weight. head measurements and characteristics to compare with the known measurements of persons alleged to have been at the scene.

"Assassination conspiracy theorists have speculated in recent months that photographs of two of the three men (in their news photographs) showed close resemblances to former CIA operatives and convicted Watergate burglars E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis. Hunt and Sturgis have both denied they are the men in the photos," the Dallas Morning News reported yesterday.

J. Gordon Shanklin, FBI special agent in charge here, confirmed the FBI has been enlisted by the Rockefeller Commission to investigate.

Commission investigators began questioning Dallas police officers who were in the Dealey Plaza area when the three men were marched to-



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ward the nearby county jail.

The FBI here says Dallas police conducted a sweep of persons in the area immediately after Kennedy was shot. The FBI says scores were questioned but neither fingerprinted nor photographed by police.

The FBI also has obtained photographs taken by wire service photographers at the time.

"Nobody knows who these people are, they were never formally booked or fingerprinted," Grubert said.

Veteran photographer Beers, who might have been able to identify the men in question, died about four months ago from a heart attack, a Dallas police officer said.

Lee Harvey Oswald was charged with the murder of President Kennedy but he was shot while in the basement of the Dallas County jail by Dallas night club owner Jack Ruby who died before he could be brought to trial.

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Missile launched

VANDENBERG AFB — A research and development re-entry missile was launched early today by the Air Force Space and Missile Test Center here.